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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF

JUDITH KABUS 379000081000 Licensed to Practice Professional Counseling In the State of New Jersey : Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey Professional Counselor Examiners Committee ("the Committee") and to the New Jersey Board of Psychological Examiners ("the Board") upon receipt of information that Judith Kabus ("respondent"), a Licensed Professional Counselor ("LPC") was representing herself to the public as a psychologist. Specifically, the Committee and Board reviewed a police report from a detective in East Brunswick, New Jersey which disclosed that respondent represented to the police advertisement from a telephone directory, none of which represented that she was a psychologist.

Having reviewed the entire record, it appears to the Committee and the Board that respondent engaged in the employment of misrepresentation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (b) when she misrepresented that she was a psychologist. Moreover, this misrepresentation violates the May 19, 1998 Consent Order with the Board of Psychological Examiners.

It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 23 DAY OF DEcember 2002,

## HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. Respondent shall cease and desist from engaging in any representation that she is a licensed practicing psychologist, using a title or description, including the term "psychology", any of its derivatives, such as "psychologist" or "psychological" or modifiers such as "practicing" or "certified", in a manner which would imply that she is licensed under the Practicing Psychology Licensing Act, or offering to practice psychology as defined in the Act.
- 2. Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the employment of misrepresentation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (b)

and for the violation of the May 19, 1998 Consent Order with the Board of Psychological Examiners.

- 3. Respondent shall pay the costs of the investigation in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00).
- 4. Respondent shall pay the above penalty and costs, totaling two thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$2,750.00) in twenty (20), consecutive, monthly payments with the first payment being in the amount of ninety dollars (\$90.00) and the remaining nineteen payments each being in the amount of one hundred and forty dollars (\$140.00). The first payment shall be due on or before February 15, 2003, and the remaining nineteen payments shall be due on or before the fifteenth day of each month until the penalty is paid in full. Payment shall be by certified check or money order, payable to the State of New Jersey, and sent to Dennis Gonzalez, Executive Director, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, P.O. Box 45044, Newark, New Jersey 07101. If any payment is untimely, the full amount shall be immediately due and payable.

NEW JERSEY PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS EXAMINERS COMMITTEE

J. Barry Mascari, LPC

President

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

Victoria Jeffers, Ph.D

Chair

I have read the within Consent Order and understand its terms. I hereby consent to entry of the Consent Order and to be bound by its terms.

Judith Kabus, LPC